

I am writing on the day of the single public hearing to urge the FCC to allow more time for public comment on this important and under-publicized issue. The exact nature of the rule changes has not even been specified, which is outrageous. Ownership of the airwaves has always been held to include duties to the public good, which have been steadily eroded over the years, and allowing any further concentration of ownership in individual markets is a TERRIBLE idea. I am appalled that the FCC phone number informed me that it was not taking messages containing public comment on the broadcast ownership issue and referred me to the FCC website-- which, I might add, was extremely difficult to access and twice shut down after I had typed all my comments. If Chairman Powell is trying to give the impression that he's trying to sneak through sinister rule changes without public comment, he's doing an excellent job. Don't rush this through, allow public comment and consider the consequences carefully.